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For: **ERYTHROPOIETIN FORMS WITH IMPROVED PROPERTIES**

SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, lines 9-27, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Preferred amino acid linkers L are used and include the following sequences, wherein such linkers are excluded that possess a cleavage site for proteolytic enzymes:

1. Ala Ala Ala
2. (SEQ ID NO: 19) Ala Ala Ala Ala,
3. (SEQ ID NO: 20) Ala Ala Ala Ala Ala,
4. Ser,
5. Ser Ser,
6. Gly Gly Gly,
7. (SEQ ID NO: 21) Gly Gly Gly Gly,
8. (SEQ ID NO: 22) Gly Gly Gly Gly Gly,
9. (SEQ ID NO: 23) Gly Gly Gly Gly Gly Gly,
10. Gly Pro Gly,
11. (SEQ ID NO: 24) Gly Gly Pro Gly Gly,
12. (SEQ ID NO: 25) Gly Gly Gly Gly Ser, and

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